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► A pirate zombie wanders through Camp Hill Cemetery at the beginning of the Halifax Zombie Walk 2011. Hundreds of the undead roamed the streets of downtown Halifax during the annual event.

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Undead come to life downtown

## Weather puts damper on business

► Nova Scotia saw 3% fewer visitors from Jan. to May compared to 2010 ► Visitors to N.S. decreased by 2% overall compared to 2010, but air travel was up by 20%

Business owner Roberta Morrison says she's been asking the same question all summer long: Where is the sun?

The co-owner of Black Bear Ice Cream on the Halifax waterfront attests her less-than-rosy sales to this summer tourism season's damp and cloudy weather.

"If you have four rainy days in a row, who is going to buy? The traffic on the waterfront is going to be limited at best," said Morrison, adding that her sales are down about 40 per cent from 2010.

She said tourists, who constitute about 75 per cent of her customers, are also weary of spending their hard-earned dollars, especially American cruise-ship passengers.

"They're budgeting a lot different this year than they did last year," said Morrison.

Patricia Lyall, president and CEO of Destination Halifax, said last week that overall, HRM is attracting about the same number of visitors as last year.

"A lot of that is because the mix of our business is very diverse," said Lyall, adding the business crowd, cruise-ship passengers, tour groups and individual travellers all play a part. "Our overall mix of business allows us to enjoy a very stable performance."

But some of the city's regular summer guests have been looking stateside, said Lyall.

"Some of the U.S. destinations are positioning themselves as a good buy for Canadians," she said. "We're heavily invested in bringing Central and Western Canada here, and that's who (the U.S.) is targeting." ● ALY THOMSON

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# Reader family still waiting for answers

- Police asking the public to step forward with information on killing
- 'Murda Squad,' a youth gang active in 2005, is being investigated



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It was the first time in six years the Reader family opted not to hold a candlelight vigil for their slain son.

"As much as we appreciate the support of the community ... It's really hard for us to do that," said David Reader yesterday. "It brings back all the raw emotions for us, and it's very upsetting for a long period of time. It's just too challenging for us to do it."

David's son, Jonathan, was found unconscious on a roadway at Radcliffe Drive and Dunbrack Street just after 4 a.m. on Aug. 7, 2005. He was taken to hospital, but died a short time later from blunt trauma to the head.

Six years later, police have identified a violent youth gang being investigated in relation to Jonathan's death.

Dubbed the "Murda Squad," the gang was active around the time of Reader's death, but has since dropped off the radar.

"Part of our investigation focused on a youth group ... and we haven't ruled out their involvement," said Const. Brian Palmeter, a spokesman for the Halifax Regional Police.

Palmeter said he hadn't heard the "Murda Squad's" name mentioned in a number of years, leading police to believe they are no longer active as a group. He



► David and Linda Reader hold a picture of their son Jonathan, who was murdered in 2005.

**"We live on hope. And hopefully by us coming out with news today ... it will put the pressure on the code of silence that seems to be out there, to hopefully bring somebody forward to help the police make an arrest."**

DAVID READER

could not say whether police believe the gang was in-

involved in any other homicides.

Police are still hoping the public will step forward with information on Reader's death. They warn that those who withhold information could be subject to a criminal investigation themselves.

Tips can be made anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## Suspected thief drives off with angry man on his hood

Halifax police are looking for a man who they say stole money from a restaurant and was confronted by a group of angry customers when he tried to flee in his car on Saturday.

Police say one man in the crowd jumped on the hood of the suspect's car as the vehicle pulled away from the parking lot on Lacewood Drive.

Witnesses say the man on the hood held on as the suspect drove south for about a kilometre before stopping to let him get off.

The suspect then sped off.

Police say no one was injured and the suspect made off with an undetermined amount of money.

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## Man wounded in Cole Harbour shooting

One man is in hospital with a gunshot wound and another is in custody following a shooting early Saturday in the Halifax area.

Police say the shooting was not a random act and both men know each other.

The shooting happened at 3:40 a.m. on Westmount Drive in the Westphal area of Cole Harbour.

Investigators say the 22-year-old victim underwent surgery for a serious wound, but he is expected to recover from his injuries.

The 20-year-old suspect was later arrested in the Ross Road and Glendale Drive area.

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## Gas supply shortage continues

Gas reserves at local stations rebounded a bit yesterday after a busy weekend combined with a supply shortage had some stations closing their pumps.

The North End Ultramar on Gottingen Street had two of eight pumps open over the weekend, with the smaller of two tanks

still full with regular gasoline.

"Our large tank was empty, it was just our small tank that still had gas," said employee Yvonne MacNeil yesterday.

The Imperial Oil Refinery in Dartmouth was shut down late last month after it was damaged by lightning.

### Mid-August

► The Imperial Oil Refinery in Dartmouth is expected to restart production later this month, after the completion of a scheduled maintenance.

The refinery had been scheduled to stop produc-

tion in mid-August for a round of maintenance, but that process was accelerated in the wake of the storm.

Imperial began importing oil to make up for the shortfall last week, but attendants at local gas bars say they are still struggling to keep up their supply.

● ALEX BOUTILIER



## Woman pushes away man entering window

Halifax police are looking for a man who tried to climb through a window of a woman's ground-floor apartment late Friday.

Police say the woman told investigators she yelled at the man and pushed him away shortly after 9:30 p.m.

A tracking dog was

called in to search the area near Larry Uteck Boulevard, but police failed to find the man.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 20s with a muscular build and wearing a black baseball cap and white shorts.

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## Cops net two caches of drugs

Police in Cape Breton say they seized a large quantity of drugs in two separate traffic stops over the weekend.

The first stop in the Glace Bay area resulted in the arrest of a woman who police say was carrying a

large quantity of prescription pills, including oxycodone and hydromorphone.

The woman will be charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking.

The second stop was in the Sydney area.

Two men were arrested and police say they seized a large quantity of cocaine.

The men will also be charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking.

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## Vet lobbies for N.B. Hwy. of Heroes

A veteran of the Canadian army says New Brunswick should join Ontario and British Columbia in designating a Highway of Heroes to pay tribute to fallen soldiers.

Trapper Cane says the original Highway of Heroes stretches from Canadian Forces Base Trenton in southern Ontario to Toronto.

The idea for the original tribute arose when people started lining the roadside and overpasses as the bod-

ies of soldiers killed in Afghanistan made their way home after repatriation ceremonies at Trenton.

In June, a new Highway of Heroes was dedicated in British Columbia after the province renamed a stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway between Langley and Abbotsford.

Cane, president of the Canadian Army Veterans Motorcycle Unit, says he would like to see a commemorative highway from coast to coast.

He says New Brunswick's Highway 1 and Highway 2 would be good candidates for the tribute.

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Look, ma. No hands



► Famous Seamus and Seantastic, a.k.a. the Lords of Strut, perform at the Halifax International Busker Festival yesterday afternoon.

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Buskers bask in limelight and sunshine

Large crowds enjoyed the performances and the sunny skies at the Halifax International Busker Festival yesterday, but according to the weather forecast, we're not going to see much sun for the rest of the week.

# Council to review rules on private meetings

► Report cites 'very challenging' optics regarding informal meetings with councillors ► No rules prohibiting councillors from meeting with developers, other proponents outside of council



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Halifax regional council is about to get a refresher on which meetings can be conducted behind closed doors and which must be held in public.

The municipality's director of legal services, Mary Ellen Donovan, will submit a report to council tomorrow clarifying the rules surrounding meetings between councillors and proponents of projects.

The report originated in

a motion from District 14 Coun. Jennifer Watts.

Specifically, Watts was concerned with when an informal meeting of councillors becomes a formal council meeting, whether private meetings between councillors and proponents could be seen as prejudicial during a public consultation process, and councillors' role in commenting for or against a proposed project.

"Sometimes, we end up having meetings where there will be several councillors present at a meeting

(with interest groups)," Watts said on March 8. "What constitutes a council meeting outside of council?"

Watts said it was a question of transparency, of ensuring meetings where council business is considered are open to the public.

The report states any meeting where all councillors are invited to discuss an imminent decision — such as when council holds its budget deliberations — must be held in public. An exception is council's "lunch and learn" sessions,

where proponents are invited to educate council on a particular project or initiative, over the dinner hour on regular council days.

But the report also cautions councillors against meeting with proponents during the break between the end of a public consultation and council's decision on the matter. There are no legal restrictions against such meetings, but the report notes "very challenging" optics surrounding informal discussions.

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# 10-year wait list for life-saving surgery

► Nova Scotia woman frustrated by lack of funding for bariatric surgery ► Online response shows she is not alone

When Lillian Coakley told members of her weight-loss support group that she was on a waiting list of 10 years for critical weight-reduction surgery, they were shocked.

"People are going to die on this list," they told the 42-year-old Nova Scotia mother of two, who is on a list of more than 2,000 people in the province.

That mid-July day, a frustrated Coakley, who is five-foot-six and weighs 372 pounds, returned home and devised her "Bitch To" list.

She fired off the same email to various government and health officials, criticizing the health-care system for failing those with obesity issues.

In it, she included her own obituary, which noted that her body would be cremated, so that it would not be "carried away to her fi-

nal resting place by a tractor."

Someone forwarded her message to obesity specialist Dr. Yoni Freedhoff of Ottawa, who posted part of it on his blog Weighty Matters. Since then, it's gone viral and Coakley has become a poster girl of sorts for what's wrong with funding for bariatric surgery.

Amid the responses in cyberspace — where she has been both lauded for her courage to speak out and lambasted for not trying hard enough to lose weight — came an offer to have the procedure done for free in Mexico.

"I'm really overwhelmed," Coakley told the Toronto Star from her home in Sackville, where the single mom lives with her sons, aged 23 and 13.

"I'm nervous about jumping two borders to have surgery, especially

when it's offered in my country.... Our government should step up. I don't really like the thought of going out of my country. That's the part that scares the daylights out of me."

But Coakley, who only recently travelled outside her province for the first time to New Brunswick, notes: "What scares me more is being 600, 700 or 800 pounds and being stuck in my bedroom and having my children have to tend to me."

Coakley was referred in February by her family doctor for a sleeve gastrectomy. The procedure reduces the stomach by about 80 per cent and suppresses the hormone that causes hunger.

She also suffers from asthma, sleep apnea, high blood pressure and could be susceptible to Type 2 diabetes.

## The cost factor

► Coakley, who works for a customer-care call centre and earns about \$24,000 annually, cannot afford treatment at a private clinic, where the procedure would cost upwards of \$10,000.

► The prospect of receiving free surgery surfaced when she was contacted by Saskatoon-based Weight No More Consulting, which links clients with international weight-loss surgeons.

In Nova Scotia, which has the second-highest prevalence of obesity and Type 2 diabetes in Canada, the current wait time for weight-loss surgery exceeds 10 years. Capital Health says it is working to in-



► Lillian Coakley emailed various government and health officials, criticizing the health-care system for failing those with obesity issues.

crease its capacity so patients receive treatment sooner.

"The fact that she's on a wait list of 10 years for a procedure that will, in fact, lengthen her life, cure her co-morbidities and improve

her quality of life really doesn't speak well to the state of health-care funding for obesity treatment programs in Canada," Freedhoff, a family physician, said.

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## News in brief

### Council revisits stadium discussion

**RECOMMENDATIONS.** After deferring the matter for a week, Halifax Regional Council will once again debate a report on the feasibility of a potential stadium tomorrow.

A report from the municipality's volunteer stadium steering committee recommended approving the second phase of study into the stadium project at a cost of \$275,000. A staff report made the same recommendation.

● ALEX BOUTILIER

### Dexter urged for oval construction

**CONTRACT.** Municipal staff are recommending Dexter Construction be awarded a \$795,000 contract for the first stages of construction on a permanent speed-skating oval on the Halifax Commons.

Dexter was the lowest of two bidders for the

work, encompassing improvements to the site's sanitary and storm-sewer systems, excavation, and the placement of filling to stabilize the base of the oval. Future tenders will be issued for a permanent concrete base, as well as necessary improvements to the electrical and security systems.

Halifax regional council will discuss the issue tomorrow. ● ALEX BOUTILIER

### Council to send resolutions to UNSM

**RESOLUTIONS.** Halifax regional council will discuss six resolutions to send to the annual Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities conference tomorrow.

The UNSM will meet in Halifax from Nov. 1 to 4. The resolutions from member municipalities will be debated, and those that pass will be forwarded to the province to request a change in policy or legislation.

HRM's resolutions include the issues of electronic voting, district boundary reviews and a code of conduct for councillors. ● ALEX BOUTILIER



# Riots rage a second day in London

► Looting, arson, violence in wake of fatal police shooting Saturday  
► North London area smoulders

Police deployed extra officers on London's streets yesterday to prevent a repeat of Saturday's violence in north London's Tottenham area, which appeared to be quiet last night.

But disturbances broke out in Enfield, about eight kilometres north of Tottenham. TV footage showed riot and mounted police patrolling the streets, and there were also images of smashed shop windows, and police with dogs detaining at least one man.

Social networking websites swirled with rumours of other riots beginning or being planned.

The violence has cast a pall over a city preparing to host the 2012 Olympic Games. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Saturday's rampage

- The protest against the death of Mark Duggan, a father of four who was gunned down in disputed circumstances Thursday, was initially peaceful.
- It got ugly as 300 to 500 people gathered around Tottenham's police station. Some protesters filled bottles with gasoline to throw at police lines, others confronted officers with makeshift weapons.
- Police in riot gear and on horseback clashed with hundreds of rioters, fires raged out of control and looters combed the area.
- Police said 26 officers were injured, and they made 55 arrests.

► A firefighter stands near the smouldering remains of a burnt-out building after riots on Tottenham High Road yesterday in London.



## Bloodiest week in Syrian protests

Syrian troops fired on mourners at a funeral and raided an eastern city yesterday, killing at least 59 people in an intensifying government crackdown on protesters. Outrage was intensifying as well: Syria's Arab neighbours forcefully joined international condemnation against

President Bashar Assad's regime for the first time.

Even the king of Saudi Arabia — whose country does not tolerate dissent and lent its military troops to repress anti-government protests in neighbouring Bahrain — harshly criticized the Syrian government and said he was recalling his ambassador in Damascus for consultations.

More than 300 people have died in the past week, the bloodiest in the five-month uprising against Assad's authoritarian rule, since the regime stepped-

up the crackdown on the eve of Ramadan.

The government's crackdown on mostly peaceful, unarmed protesters demanding political reforms and an end to the Assad family's 40-year rule has left more than 1,700 dead since March, according to activists and human rights groups. Assad's regime disputes the toll and blames a foreign conspiracy for the unrest, which at times has brought hundreds of thousands of protesters into the streets.

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## News in brief

### Underfed baby will live: Doctors

DADAAB, KENYA.

Only 10 days ago, Minhaj Gedi Farah was too weak to cry and his skin crumpled like thin leather under the pressure of his mother's hands. Now doctors say the severely malnourished



seven-month-old Somali appears out of danger of joining the more than 29,000 children who already have died in the famine.

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### Bomb hoax at Colosseum

ROME. A suspicious device that forced the evacuation of the Colosseum yesterday turned out to be a false alarm, Rome's mayor said.

The site was evacuated about an hour before its scheduled close after

tourists saw a suspicious device. A bomb squad detonated the device, news agency ANSA said.

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### Man killed seven: Police

COPLEY TOWNSHIP, OHIO.

Police say a man went on a neighbourhood shooting rampage, killing seven and leaving victims in three homes before being shot and killed in a gunfight with a police officer and a former officer.

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**Cardiologist punished for bad texts**

A Vancouver cardiologist has been suspended for three months and fined \$2,000 after admitting to sending inappropriate text messages to a patient last fall.

Dr. Alnoor Hassanali Karim Abdulla sent text messages following an appointment with a patient in October where the tone and content "could be reasonably perceived as demonstrating a personal interest beyond a professional relationship," the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia said in a statement.

His suspension began Aug. 2.

● PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

**Warning issued for mussels**

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is warning the public not to consume certain mussels that may contain Diphtheria Shellfish Poisoning (DSP) biotoxin.

The affected mussels were harvested in British Columbia by Island Sea Farms Inc. between July 19 and Aug. 2.

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**Man survives fall at party**

A 21-year-old man has survived a six-storey fall from an apartment building balcony in Burlington, Ont.

Police say the man and his girlfriend attended a party at the apartment.

Officers are investigating an allegation that the man assaulted the host of the party just before he fell.

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# CIA kept eye on Canada

**▶ Declassified records show interest in economy, mining during Cold War**

The CIA secretly painted Pierre Trudeau as a politician torn between being a leader of the Third World and a genuine player with global industrialized nations, declassified records show.

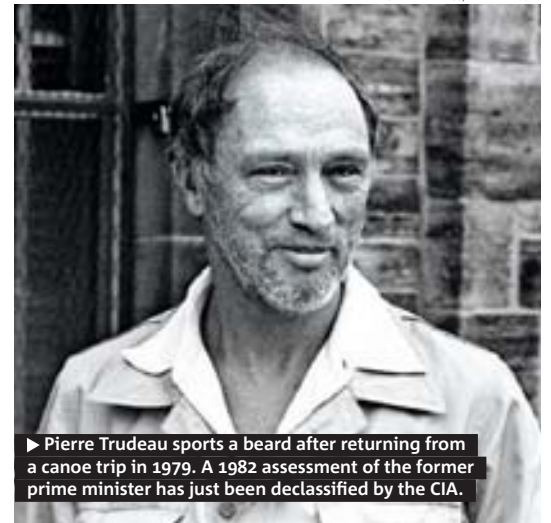
The January 1982 assessment of the Liberal prime minister's ambitions is among several detailed — and until now virtually unknown — analyses of the Canadian economy by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Through the U.S. Freedom of Information Act,

The Canadian Press obtained more than a dozen CIA reports that explore various aspects of Canadian commerce, industry and technology during the Cold War era.

CIA analysts pored over almost every available map of Canada, scrutinized Canadian mineral production, pondered Japanese interest in Alberta's tarsands, catalogued shipping trends and kept an eye on Canadian dealings with the Communist world.

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▶ Pierre Trudeau sports a beard after returning from a canoe trip in 1979. A 1982 assessment of the former prime minister has just been declassified by the CIA.

## Memo forecasts tarsands pollution

Long before Canada's western tarsands became familiar to the world, the CIA recognized the "enormous

amounts of oil" along the Athabasca River, probing possible Japanese interest in the deposits in a 1972

memorandum.

A 1974 memo forecasts environmental concerns: "The pollution issue and

opposition to defacing Alberta's landscape may arise but has not as yet."

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# Birth-control law dismays Catholics

► Religious hospitals object to rules forcing them to cover contraception ► Conscience exemption criticized

They defied the bishops to support U.S. President Barack Obama's health-care overhaul. Now Catholic hospitals are dismayed the law may force them to cover birth control free of charge to their employees.

A provision in the law expanded preventive health-care benefits for women, and the administration said last week that must include birth control with no copays. The Catholic Health Association says a proposed conscience exemption is so narrowly written it would apply only to houses of worship. Some other religious-based organizations agree.

"I call this the parish

housekeeper exemption — that's about all it covers," said Sister Carol Keehan, president of the 600-member umbrella group for Catholic hospitals. "What we are trying to do is make workable the conscience protection the administration says it is willing to give."

Most Catholic hospitals do not cover birth control for their employees, Keehan said, but in some cases they are required to cover it by state law. Doctors caring for patients at the hospitals are not restricted from prescribing birth control.

Polls show that Americans overwhelmingly support greater access to birth control. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Women's rights

► Women's rights groups are opposed to any conscience exemption, pointing out that it's not specifically authorized by the U.S. health-care law.

► "All women do use contraception at some point in their lives, and we think it should be available to them as a preventive health service," said Judy Waxman, vice-president for health and reproductive rights at the National Women's Law Center. That includes women who work for Catholic hospitals and for the church itself, Waxman added.

## Muslims face longer fast in Dubai tower

Muslims living in the world's tallest tower will have to wait even longer to break their fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

Mohammed al-Qubaisi, Dubai's top Muslim cleric, said yesterday that Burj Khalifa residents living above the 80th floor should wait two more minutes to break their dawn-to-dusk fast while those above the 150th floor must wait three extra minutes because they will be able to see the sun longer than those on the ground.

Al-Qubaisi said the decree is similar to those relating to Muslims on airplanes, and harkens back to when people living in the mountains broke their fast after those at lower elevations.

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## Flying. Machines



► A competitor falls into the Moskva River during the Red Bull Flugtag Moscow 2011 competition yesterday.

Mikhail Metzel/The Associated Press

## Taking a quack at flight

The Red Bull Flugtag Moscow 2011 competition, which happened in the Russian capital yesterday, challenged teams of everyday people to build home-made, human-powered flying machines and pilot them off a nine-metre-high deck in hopes of achieving flight. "Flugtag" means "flying day."

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# Harper hits the road to talk trade

- Stops in Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica and Honduras
- Canada-Colombia free-trade deal in effect Aug. 15

Prime Minister Stephen Harper left yesterday on a six-day swing through Latin America — first stop, Brazil, the world's seventh-largest economy. Harper's main goal is to boost trade between that country and Canada, but he will also talk about security in the region.

Harper is trying to cement trade ties with Latin America and the Caribbean. An April 2009 diplomatic cable from the U.S. embassy in Ottawa, published by WikiLeaks, suggests the prime minister believes Canada could hold more sway with the United States if his country had strong relations with other countries in the region.

"Harper had long been favourably impressed by Australia's ability to exert outsized influence with the

## Big business




Some 400 Canadian companies operate in Brazil, which is Canada's 10th largest trading partner. Exports of Canadian merchandise totalled \$2.6 billion in 2010 — up 60 per cent from the year before — and imports were \$3.3 billion.

U.S. in particular — and other powers as well — by emphasizing its relations in its own neighbourhood," the cable says, referring to a conversation with a senior Foreign Affairs official.

"PM Harper hoped to gain similar benefits for Canada by increased attention to Latin America and the Caribbean."

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## Market moment

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Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
	\$3.956 (+ 1.5¢)
+ 25¢ US (\$86.88 US)	Gold contract \$1,651.80 (- \$7.20)

ment has been in free-trade talks for a decade with the so-called Central American Four, consisting of Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

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► The biz from Brazil: Stephen Harper departs yesterday for a six-day tour of Central and South America to drum up business for Canada.



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## News in brief

### Democrat slams 'tea-party downgrade'

**U.S. CREDIT RATING.** A senior political adviser to President Barack Obama blamed the downgrade of the U.S. credit rating on tea party Republicans, whom he said were unwilling to compromise on how to reduce the federal debt.

David Axelrod said yesterday that the decision by Standard & Poor's to downgrade the U.S. from AAA to AA+ was strongly influenced by weeks of standoff between Democrats and Republicans.

Axelrod called the action "a tea party downgrade" brought on by lawmakers who were willing to see the country default to get their way. He also criticized Republican presidential candidates for not speaking up in favour of compromise.

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### U.S. bills could create jobs

**GROWTH AGENDA.** The U.S. Congress is set to approve three big free-trade agreements and the most significant overhaul of the patent system in 60 years when lawmakers return to work after Labour Day.

The main intent of the patent bill is to ease a backlog of 1.2 million pending patents, while the trade deals with South Korea, Colombia and Panama could lead to the creation of at least 70,000 new jobs. Both the trade and patent measures have bipartisan support.

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### Verizon workers walk out

**TALKS STALL.** Some 45,000 Verizon Communications workers in the U.S. went on strike yesterday after talks fizzled over a new contract for more than one-fifth of the company's workforce. Verizon is the largest wireless carrier in the U.S.

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### Bond plan to aid Italy, Spain

The European Central Bank says it will "actively implement" a bond-purchase program that could boost Spanish and Italian bonds and drive down interest yields that threaten the heavily indebted countries' budgets.

The move, though considered risky, could help Rome and Madrid fend off market trouble until a eurozone bailout fund is approved to help them.

Italy and Spain are trying to avoid financial collapses like those that have forced Greece, Ireland and Portugal to seek international bailout loans.

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Italy has debt equivalent to 120 per cent of economic output, the second highest in the eurozone behind Greece

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# Smartphone attacks on the rise: Experts

► 'Bad guys' targeting smartphones with malicious software ► Hacker invasion starting to emerge

Hackers are out to stymie your smartphone.

Last week, security researchers uncovered yet another strain of malicious software aimed at smartphones that run Google's popular Android operating system. The application not only logs details about incoming and outgoing phone calls, it also records those calls.

That came a month after researchers discovered a security hole in Apple Inc.'s iPhones, which prompted the German government to warn Apple about the urgency of the threat.

Security experts say attacks on smartphones are growing fast — and attackers are becoming smarter



► Security experts say attackers are becoming smarter about developing new techniques.

about developing new techniques.

"We're in the experimental stage of mobile malware where the bad guys are starting to develop their business models," said Kevin Mahaffey, co-founder of Lookout Inc., a San Francisco-based maker of mobile security soft-

ware.

All at once, smartphones have become wallets, email lockboxes, photo albums and Rolodexes. And because owners are directly billed for services bought with smartphones, they open up new angles for financial attacks. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Rome. Beaches



► A woman uses a pocket-size ashtray on the beach in Ladispoli, north of Rome.

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## Smokers asked to butt out

Volunteers wearing T-shirts challenging smokers with the slogan, "But the sea is not worth a butt?" distributed 100,000 pocket-size ashtrays along more than 300 beaches on the weekend to discourage people from using the beach as a big ashtray. The insulated plastic envelopes allow smokers to extinguish cigarettes and then store the used filters for future disposal.

## Israel panel to tackle high cost of living

Israel yesterday formed a panel of government ministers and some of the country's leading economic

experts to draw up a plan to reduce the soaring cost of living, marking a new effort to defuse demonstrations

over prices that drew over a quarter-million people onto city streets the night before.

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# IT'S NOT QUANTITY, IT'S QUALITY

## URBAN COMPASS

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The problem with the Utilities Review Board's solution to the problem of municipal council is that its solution won't solve the problem.

The URB decided the 23 current Halifax Regional Municipality councillors should morph into 16 after the 2012 election.

Why 16? The URB "attributes significant weight to the polling results, which express the public's overwhelming desire to have a much smaller council."

Huh? And was this "overwhelming desire" based on a thoughtful assessment of how many elected officials are actually required to run our sprawling urban-rural agglomeration of cities, towns, villages, farmland, rock and lake, sea and brush?

Our current knee-jerk, less-is-better fixation assumes our elected representatives don't do much. Hence the overwhelming desire.

**"While 16 may indeed be the right number of councillors, anyone who thinks a smaller council will be less dysfunctional is ... dysfunctional if not delusional."**

Having covered municipal council before amalgamation, cellphones and Frank complicated the job, my sense is that even the laziest councillor works much harder than most of us.

How'd you like to be called in the middle of the night because somebody else's neighbours were having a party? Or a constituent got a ticket for parking outside their house in a snow storm? Or ...

While 16 may indeed be the right number of councillors, anyone who thinks a smaller council will be less dysfunctional is ... dysfunctional if not delusional.

Our "council problem" is not numbers, but quality. How do we ensure that more, better candidates seek public office?

Perhaps it's time for the city — or non-partisan group — to set up a wannabe-city-councillors' school. Interested in serving your city?

Come out and learn how your city works. Get briefed on issues and options.

Maybe it's time our political parties became more involved in municipal politics — not necessarily to run slates of candidates but to encourage their own young best and brightest to test themselves municipally before running for the big(ger) show.

Current local MLAs Howard Epstein and Andrew Younger, for example, are both municipal council grads.

And it's past time to begin encouraging candidates we think will be better than the incumbent—Mike Savage? Howard Epstein?—to consider running for mayor.

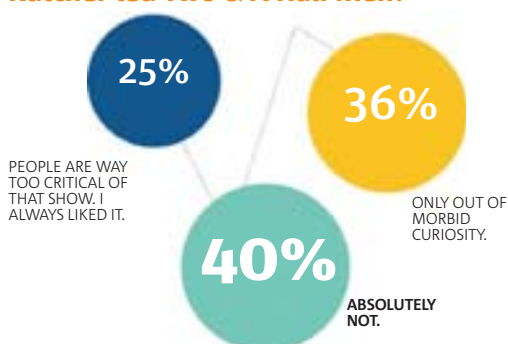
And then ask them what they'd do if we elected them.

In the end the problem with our council is not size, or "them." It's us.



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**Will you be watching the Ashton Kutcher-led Two & A Half Men?**



## Worth Mentioning

**STEM CELLS.** A team of scientists has reported producing viable sperm using the stem cells of mice in an experiment that researchers hope could one day lead to treating infertile men.

The Kyoto University researchers managed to induce mice stem cells into creating sperm precursors, which were transplanted into infertile male mice. The mice then produced sperm that was successfully used to fertilize eggs in a lab dish.

The offspring were healthy and fertile, according to a paper published online in the scientific journal *Cell*.

Members of the research team, led by Mitinori Saitou, said they believe their success may help in the development of infertility treatments in humans.

Experts outside the group say it's an important first step toward infertility treatment although there would be a long way yet to go.

"This is a very good experiment for thinking about treatment of infertile man but a very very long way," said Toshio Suda, developmental biology professor at Keio University.

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## WEIRD NEWS

### Off-the-rack performance enhancement?

Baseball seems to have come through its Steroid Era and is now apparently trying to avoid a Mammal Era.

Officials have warned players in both the major and minor leagues to stop using deer antler spray because it could be construed as a performance-enhancing drug.

The substance is taken from the antlers of young deer, ground up and manufactured into a spray which is in-

gested under the tongue.

According to Sports Illustrated, the velvet from young deer antlers contains an "insulin-like growth factor, which mediates the level of human growth hormone in the body."

IGF-1 has been banned by, among other groups, the World Anti-Doping Agency because one of its uses is to build muscle and cut fat.

Major league baseball, with a recent history tainted by tawdry stories of hitters and pitchers juicing to become stronger and faster, banned one specific brand because, according to Sports Illustrated's report, it has "potentially contaminated nutritional supplements," namely methyltestosterone, a banned steroid.

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▶ Bryce Dallas Howard, seated centre, stars in *The Help*.

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## Box office



Apes have climbed to the top rung of the weekend box office. According to studio estimates Sunday, *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* took in \$54 million to open as the No. 1 movie.

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Scan this code to find out if *The Twilight Saga* once again clawed the competition at last night's Teen Choice Awards.

# Howard needs no help

- ▶ Despite her famous roots, Bryce Dallas Howard remains down to earth
- ▶ Actress plays wealthy Mississippi socialite Hilly Holbrook in *The Help*


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At the beginning of my interview with Bryce Dallas Howard she does something I've never experienced before in a celebrity sit-down. Curled up on a couch in Toronto's Park Hyatt Hotel, the star of

*The Help* does something really un-celebrity-like — she offers to hold the microphone I'm using to record our chat.

It's a small thing, but it goes a long way to creating a portrait of the down-to-earth Golden Globe nominee, who is best known for roles in blockbusters like *Spider-Man 3*, *The Twilight*

*Saga: Eclipse* and *Terminator Salvation*.

Surrounded by celebrity from birth — her father is TV icon Ron Howard — she has observed stardom up close and has strong opinions about fame.

"It's weird that we expect celebrities to behave like they're so entitled," she says. "I think it's be-

cause a lot of celebrities do, and that's just absurd."

This is coming from someone whose godfather is Henry Winkler.

When I ask if fame is important to her personally she is quick to answer.

"No. Not at all. One of the things I feel most grateful for is that I don't live the life of a famous person."

## Howard on Holbrook

"She's an adult woman who is still behaving as though she's in high school. I think that at that time women didn't have that much power so that dynamic was very present because that was a way in which women kept control in society, whereas now it's much different and those kind of women don't need to act out in that sort of way."



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## Celebrity tweets



"Just realized I may have more framed pictures of pets than socially acceptable..."

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"Somehow a double-A credit rating seems more American anyway."

@EvaLongoria

"Today was the first time I parked in my reserved parking spot on Universal lot in 8 years!"

"u know it's gonna b a good show when someone brings u rainbow colored rice krispie treats."

@katyperry



▶ Amy Winehouse

## Amy's legacy goes beyond her music

Amy Winehouse's family is reportedly planning to turn her \$4 million north London home into a rehab centre and the offices of the Amy Winehouse Foundation, according to the Sun.

"They don't want to rent it out and if they sold it they think it could attract the wrong kind of buyer as it was where Amy passed away," a source says.

"Everyone is united in making it a success — the label, her family, friends and management. (Her father) Mitch (Winehouse) has big plans and needs a nice environment where employees will be able to carry out their work properly."

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# Hot ex-wrestler pins down George Clooney

▶ From brunette to blonde: One of Hollywood's most eligible bachelors rebounds nicely ▶ Pair plans to keep relationship private, says source

George Clooney is reportedly rebounding from Elisabetta Canalis with ex-wrestler Stacy Keibler, according to Us Weekly.

"It's more than just a fling," a source says of the pair, who have known each other for about four years.

"They're basically exclusive at this point. They like each other's sense of

humour. Obviously they're both physically attracted to one another."

But the new couple apparently plans to keep things private when it comes to their relationship.

"I don't see her hitting any of the red carpets with him," the source adds.

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▶ Stacy Keibler



▶ George Clooney

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## 'I did not steal someone's husband': Denise Richards

Denise Richards is using the press tour for her new memoir, the Real Girl Next Door, to clear up a few things about her past relationships — specifically, that she did not steal Richie Sambora from Heather Locklear.

Richards says that she and Sambora "were friends and we were both going

through divorces, and that's what drew us to each other," according to Hollyscoop.

"I did not steal someone's husband. Did I date a former friend's ex-husband? Yes. Did I break up a marriage? No."

Richards started dating Sambora shortly after he divorced Locklear.

And besides, Richards insists there was no friendship with Locklear to ruin at the time.

"If I was still friends with her, that never would have happened with Richie," she says.

"There was no friendship anymore prior to Richie and I getting together." METRO



▶ Denise Richards

### Divorce drama

## J.Lo fights to keep twins

**CUSTODY BATTLE.** The "amicable" part of Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony's split is apparently done, as the inevitable custody battle has reportedly gotten underway with Lopez looking for sole custody of their infant twins, according to Us Weekly.

"They are always with their mom. Jennifer lights up around her kids. She's incredible, balancing work and being a good mom," a source says.

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## The comeback trail ain't easy

**MOVING ON AFTER HOUSE ARREST.** Lindsay Lohan's plans for a big comeback with a role in the upcoming John Gotti biography aren't coming together as cleanly as previously thought, according to TMZ.

"The producers of the film and Lindsay's representation have not yet worked out an agreement for her to appear

in the movie," a source close to the producers says.

Of course, deals haven't been inked for any of the stars involved, including Al Pacino and Kelly Preston.

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Lindsay Lohan

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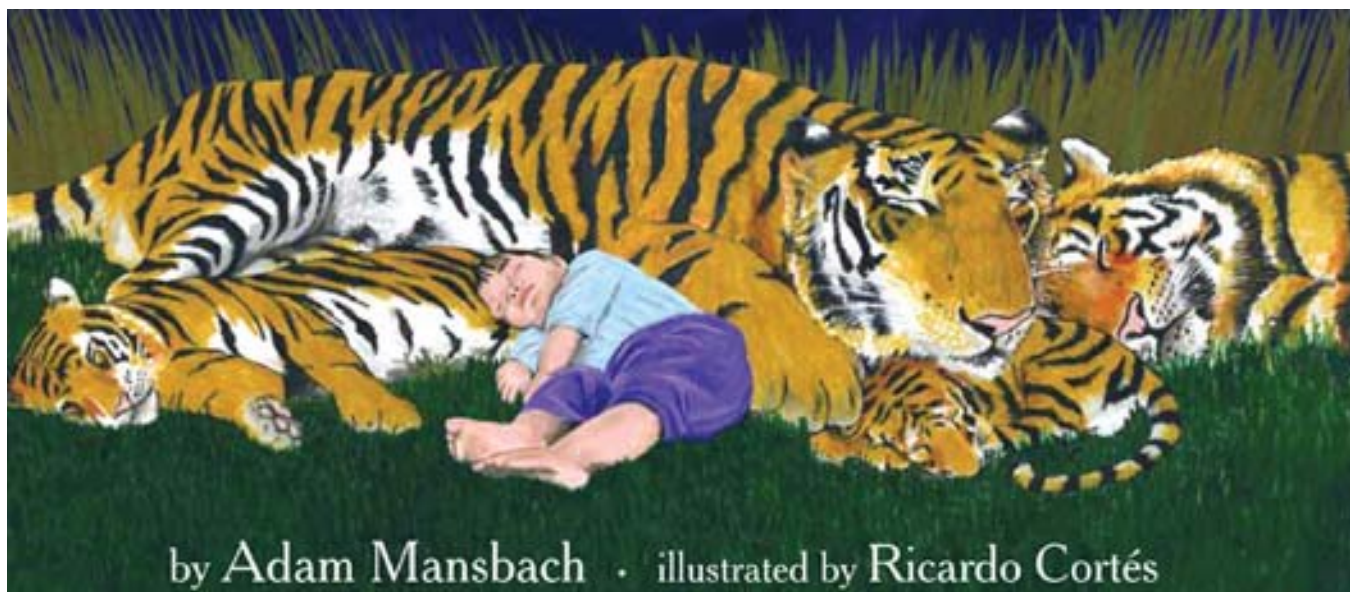
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# An honestly funny book

► After it went viral online, the children's book *Go the F— to Sleep* became a bestseller — before it was even released ► Metro sat down with the author to talk about the sensation



**DOROTHY ROBINSON**

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When novelist Adam Mansbach's baby daughter Vivian wouldn't go to bed, he took the phrase that ran through his head and decided to set it to a poem. He got his friend Ricardo Cortés on board to illustrate, and the result, the children's book *Go the F— to Sleep*, is now the publishing success of the year. Produced by the small Brooklyn press Akashic Books, the title reached No. 1 on the New York Times bestseller list — before it was even published.

With 400,000 copies of the book in print, Mansbach is just as surprised as you.

**Can you give readers a little backstory on the huge wave of popularity for the book?**

I gave a reading from the book on April 23, months before it was to be published in October, just to try it out. It was at this art salon in Philadelphia and I was the last one to go on. I read after this 97-year-old tap dancer, which is a tough act to follow. The reaction was so strong. People asked me about the book and I said they could pre-order it on Amazon. The next morning, I thought to check it and be-

fore that reading we didn't even have an Amazon ranking, and when I checked it, it was at 125. I write novels — if they hover around the thousand mark when they're published, that's respectable.

**So from that Amazon ranking, it just picked up.**

Right. The first wave of media followed and all they had to go on was a cover and a sample verse but it obviously hit a chord. Then PDFs we sent out to book-sellers leaked and they started ricocheting on the Internet. I've talked to people who told me they got the forward of the PDF 50 times. It was

just all over in a crazy way. People thought it was part of a brilliant marketing campaign. Meanwhile, I was trying to file cease and desist orders.

**Do you think anyone will actually read it to their baby?**

I certainly hope not. I'm getting tons of e-mails saying they are going to give it as a baby shower gift or a Father's Day gift. People even tell me they are buying it for their kids to give to them when they're older, when they have their own kids so they know what they went through.

**Are you doing a second book?**  
It's certainly tempting. But

I don't want it to be a crappy book just to keep this thing going. This is good because it's an original idea. Some people are like, 'Why don't you do *Eat Your Fu—ing Vegetables?*' And I'm like, 'That's kind of funny but I don't know if that's a whole book.' I want to reinvent something. But we are doing a G-rated version of the book. Johnny (the book's publisher) has a five-year-old and a three-year-old. And he read it to his kids — he censored it while he went — and his kids thought it was hysterical. Kids get it — they know they are pulling all this s— on us.

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# Lemony summer pasta

► This dish uses lemon juice & fresh herbs to take flavour to another level

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## Preparation:

**1** In a large skillet, combine butter and sage; heat over medium-high heat, stirring constantly until butter melts and sage starts to sizzle. Add garlic; sauté for about 1 minute or until butter and garlic start to brown. Gradually pour in vegetable broth, cream and lemon juice; cook, stirring occasionally, for about 3 minutes or until slightly thickened. Stir in ricotta cheese and cook, stirring, until combined. Remove from heat.

**2** Meanwhile, in a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta according to package directions or until desired



► This recipe makes four main dishes or six side dishes.

doneness. Drain.

**3** Add pasta to cream sauce in pan; toss to coat. Sprinkle with Parmesan and basil; toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

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## Ingredients:

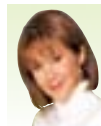
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh sage
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) crushed garlic
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) vegetable broth
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) 35 per cent whipping cream
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fresh lemon

juice

- 250 ml (1 cup) fresh or frozen small green peas
- 250 ml (1 cup) ricotta cheese
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 500 g (1 lb) fresh linguini
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- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped fresh basil or mint

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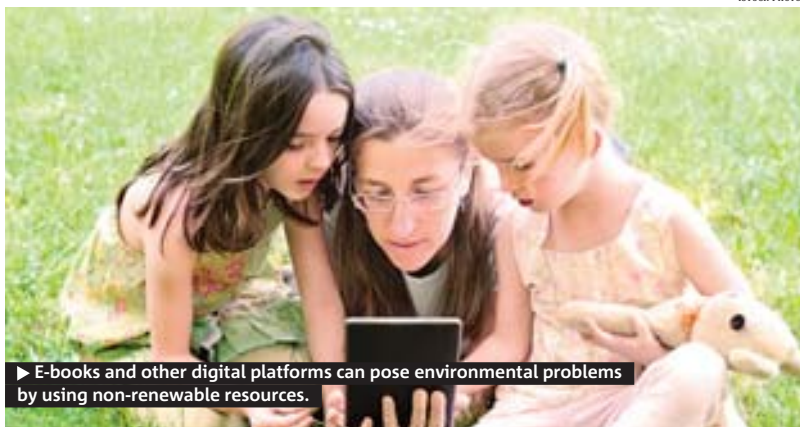


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Books are made of paper. Paper comes from trees. So how can a major book publishing company become environmentally friendly?

Scholastic Canada is one of this country's largest publishers — and distributors — of children's books and educational materials. The company has recently undertaken a broad range of eco-friendly initiatives, covering everything from the paper they use to the trucks that deliver their products.

"Books are not disposable or consumable products, used once and then thrown in the trash," says Wendy Graham, Scholastic's vice-president of edu-



► E-books and other digital platforms can pose environmental problems by using non-renewable resources.

cation. "They are treasured, kept, shared, read and re-read, in homes, schools and libraries. Books, especially children's books, are very much re-used, and are also recyclable when they are worn out."

Adhering closely to guidelines from the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Scholastic has set some ambitious environmental standards. FSC paper is used whenever possible, and use of recycled materials is being pushed to the

practical maximum.

"In whatever form we are producing books, we need to make sure that they are environmentally responsible and affordable for the masses," Graham says.

That's important, be-

## Statistics

### By the numbers

► **Purchases** According to the most recently available census data, Nova Scotians spend an average of \$36.12 a year on books (excluding school texts). That's a total of \$33-million across the province. Ontario leads the country (\$610-million), while Prince Edward Island spends the least (\$4.2-million).

cause newer publishing formats — e-books and other digital platforms — can also pose significant environmental problems. "We need to realize that dedicated e-readers and the other small electronic

devices on which digital books are read are created made from non-renewable resources: plastics, rare earths and other metals," notes Graham. "They are not easily recyclable when shiny new models come along."

The commitment to eco-friendly paper goes all the way to the copying machines in Scholastic's offices.

Biodegradable plastic is used in packaging, and all delivery companies — large and small — have to be running clean, fuel-efficient vehicles. All this is necessary, Graham concludes, because books will continue to be an essential, hugely important part of education and the preservation of human knowledge — far into the future.

ISTOCK PHOTOS



# When not to go back to the books

► Is the job hunt getting you down? ► Speeding back into school may not be your best for future success



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Nothing makes school look rosier than unemployment.

Somewhere between months one and eight of a fruitless job search, the grass on the campus lawn can appear blindingly green. But don't confuse school for a safe haven, an ivory tower to bunker in while you ride out the recession.

"There's certainly a lot of people who have chosen to do that in this economy," CareerBuilder.com advisor Allison Nawoj notes. That doesn't mean you should join the flock.

"First ask, 'Why are you thinking about going back to school?'" urges President Natascha F. Saunders of Youth Career Coaching. "If it's just, 'I can't find a job,' that's not good enough. You're spending so much time learning new curriculum that you're going to be frustrated if it's not truly a desire for you to get those additional skills."

Before you scoop out a second Stafford loan to cover two years' tuition, "take a few courses to test something out," Nawoj



► Blackboards or board meetings? Which to choose?

encourages. "There's all kinds of continuing education and evening courses offered at universities," she adds.

"Instead of enrolling at a formal program, that's a great way to get your feet wet and see if it's something you want to pursue."

If so, consider your spending habits—can you afford more university?—and your study habits: are you emotionally ready?

"People forget how you fall out of study mode," Saunders stresses. "When you've been away for a long period of time, it's hard to get started." "But if you feel like you're in that zone, ready to hit the

books, then go for it," she adds.

## Timing

At some point, you'll likely need a master's degree, Saunders says. The killer question is when.

"Find some key people in that particular sector and interview them: do they have an advanced degree and if so, when did they get it?" Saunders suggests.

"See some data, some facts, what is the norm, before you jump right into it. Map it out." "It's about planning ahead," Nawoj concludes.

"It certainly isn't, 'I don't know what I want to do, I just want to go back to grad school.'"

# They've got very little to wine about

► Ken Fielding and his son Curtis' business — like their award-winning wine — is only getting better with age

## TURNING POINT

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The accountant was blunt when Ken Fielding told him he was opening up a winery.

"Are you mental? Why not just go out and buy a couple cases of wine?" But the one

thing the accountant hadn't taken into consideration was the golden touch of business visionary Ken Fielding.

He got in on the ground floor when Subway Sandwiches started franchising and helped open 237 stores.

His son Curtis was racing in the CASCAR circuit but during his off times would work on a farm. When his dad started talking about a winery Curtis was intrigued.

That was six years ago and now Fielding Estate Winery is turning a profit, their wines are win-

ning numerous awards and even the skeptical accountant is impressed.

As Ken prepares to hand the reins of the business over to Curtis he is looking towards the future and creating new ventures.

His advice?

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LANGLEY, B.C.'S BRETT LAWRIE, WHO HIT HIS FIRST MAJOR-LEAGUE HOME RUN IN THE TORONTO BLUE JAYS' 7-2 WIN IN BALTIMORE YESTERDAY.

LAWRIE MADE HIS MLB DEBUT FRIDAY AGAINST THE ORIOLES AND DURING A MEMORABLE SERIES GOT HIS FIRST BIG-LEAGUE HIT AND HIS FIRST HOME RUN WITH A BATTING AVERAGE OF .455.



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## Caddie. Smacked



► Tiger Woods hits from a bunker of the World Golf Championships — Bridgestone Invitational yesterday in Akron, Ohio.

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## Ex-caddie, Scott rejoice in win, Tiger falls out of contention

After missing three months with a leg injury, Tiger Woods finished a tournament for the first time since the Masters in April and closed with a 70 yesterday to tie for 37th. Adam Scott was nearly flawless to earn his first World Golf Championship title. He celebrated with a caddie who has won quite a few more. Steve Williams, fired last month by Tiger Woods after a 12-year partnership, felt like a bigger winner when Scott rolled in one last birdie for a 5-under 65 and a four-shot victory in the Bridgestone Invitational. Williams, who carried Woods' bag for 72 wins — including 13 majors and 16 world titles — called it "the best win of my life." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Junior judgment underway

► Level of Team Canada's talent will depend largely on which players can stick with NHL clubs

A final chore of summer camp for the coaches of Canada's junior men's hockey team was posting the names of the 47 invitees on a white board in order of preference.

That doesn't mean head coach Don Hay and his crew are going to get who they want.

The names are on movable cards, so Hay, assistants George Burnett and Ryan Huska and Hockey Canada head scout Kevin Prendergast could shuffle according to their opinions. The depth chart was

to be assembled following yesterday's intra-squad game in Fort McMurray, Alta., to conclude the six-day camp.

But once the hockey season starts, those names will circulate around that white board, and NHL club commitments could cause some to disappear.

There was enough talent on display at the summer camp in Edmonton to indicate Canada can win gold at the 2012 world junior hockey championship starting Dec. 26 in Edmonton and Calgary.

The goaltenders were solid and the defencemen were deep in size and talent. The forwards have the skill and smarts to play a shiftier brand of offence.

How much of that talent will be available to Hay in December? Hay may be forced to look lower on the white board when he chooses about 35 for his selection camp in Calgary.

"You look at the high draft picks, the second-year players, there's a good possibility they might not be here so you have to evaluate," Hay said. "For us, we

**"At this tournament, we're going to take the players who are playing really well going into it."**

HOCKEY CANADA HEAD SCOUT  
KEVIN PREDERGAST

have to have a feel for where that depth chart is, what type of players we're looking for to fill in the holes and then watch how they play in September and October."

After a run of five straight gold medals from

2005 to 2009, Canada took silver in 2010 in Saskatoon and was runner-up again this year in Buffalo, N.Y.

There are seven players eligible to play for Canada a second straight year. They would provide valuable experience in a tournament for 18- and 19-year-olds. Goaltender Mark Visentin, defenceman Erik Gudbranson and forwards Brett Connolly, Sean Couturier, Quinton Howden, Ryan Johansen and Jaden Schwartz are all possible returnees.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Contreras makes history at Woodbine

Luis Contreras has the unofficial Canadian Triple Crown.

Contreras rallied Pender Harbour to a win by a nose in the \$500,000 Breeders Stakes turf race yesterday

afternoon at Woodbine Racetrack. It was a historic win for Contreras, who became the first jockey to win all three Canadian Triple Crown events with two horses. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Bochy decries 'racist' comment

Giants manager Bruce Bochy has criticized a nationally syndicated radio host for what he says is a "racist" comment about the San Francisco reliever Ramon Ramirez.

Radio host Tony Bruno referred to Ramirez as an "illegal alien." He also

called Bochy a "coward" in a Twitter post following Friday night's benches-clearing brawl between the Phillies and Giants. The mayhem came after Ramirez plunked Shane Victorino in the back in the sixth inning of the Phillies' 9-2 victory.

Bruno later deleted his tweet and apologized on his Facebook page.

Ramirez is from the Dominican Republic. He said yesterday he is in the U.S. legally and wouldn't be able to work in the major leagues otherwise.

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## Rainmen need new coach after failing to reach deal with Evans

The Halifax Rainmen are hunting for a new coach.

The team's president and CEO Andre Levingston announced Friday he was unable to sign head coach Mike Evans for the coming season.

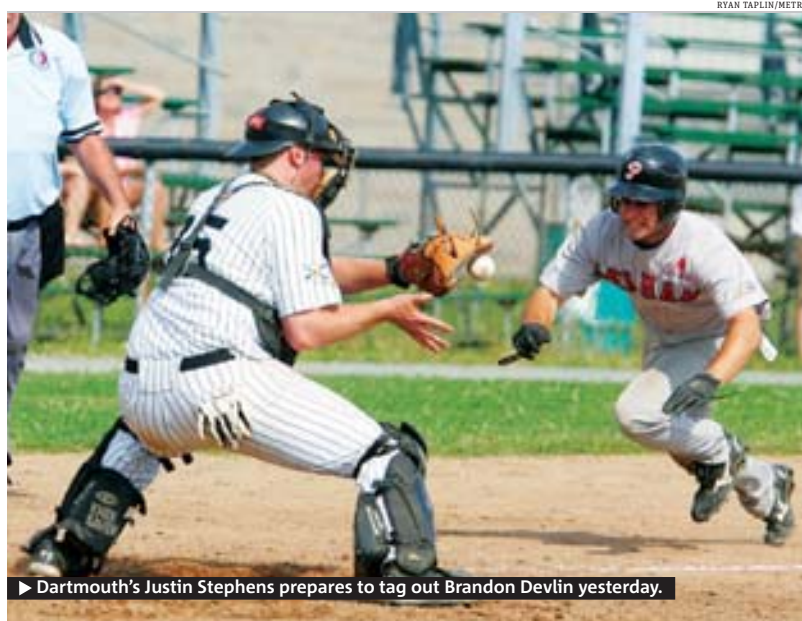
The NBA veteran took over coaching in January when Les Berry resigned to pursue another career.

He led the team into its first ever semifinal playoff round.

They lost in the last game against the former Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry.

"We thoroughly enjoyed having coach Evans and his son, Mike Evans Jr., as a part of our team," said Levingston in a statement. "Coach Evans was a fantastic mentor and inspiration for our players, and did a great job of coaching the team. We wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavors."

Mike Evans Jr. was an assistant coach. **METRO**



► Dartmouth's Justin Stephens prepares to tag out Brandon Devlin yesterday.

## Dry sweep Canadians

### ► Dartmouth team improves lead atop standings

The Dartmouth Moosehead Dry have a little more breathing room atop the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League standings after sweeping their home-and-home series with the Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians over the week-end.

The Dry knocked off the

Canadians 2-1 yesterday thanks to a combined three-hitter from pitchers Jason Bailey (2-0) and Jeff Reeves. Dry centre fielder Chris Head helped to preserve the victory by throwing out Brandon Devlin at the plate in the eighth inning.

In Saturday's game, Dry

pitcher Craig Langille improved to 7-1 by helping Dartmouth to a 9-5 win. Chris Head had three RBIs while Darren Doucette hit his league-leading ninth home run.

The Dry improved to 18-5 and now sit 4.5 games up on the second-place Canadians. **METRO**

## McCormick rides his way one step closer to title

Brett McCormick continued his perfect season yesterday and is closing in on his first Canadian Superbike Championship by Parts Canada national title.

Saskatoon's McCormick won his fifth race of the year after leading all 22 laps at the Atlantic Motorsport Park in Shubenacadie. Five-time

defending series champion Jordan Szoke from Brantford, Ont., finished in second while Jodi Christie of Keene, Ont., finished third.

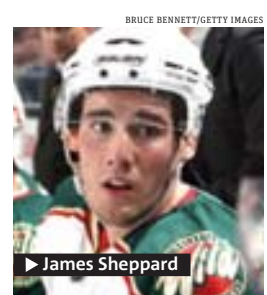
McCormick now has a 55-point lead over Szoke heading into the season-ending doubleheader in two weeks at the Mosport International Raceway in Bowmanville, Ont. **METRO**

## Nova Scotia's Sheppard traded from Wild to Sharks

San Jose and Minnesota have made their third trade of the off-season, with centre James Sheppard going from the Wild to the Sharks yesterday for a third-round draft pick in 2013.

Sheppard was the ninth overall pick in the 2006 draft, but the native of Lower Sackville, N.S., never performed up to his first-round potential. He missed all of last season after breaking his left kneecap in an off-ice accident. Sheppard has 11 goals and 38 assists in 224 career games.

Sheppard was a restricted free agent, but he has already a signed contract



► James Sheppard

with the Sharks.

In June, San Jose sent Devin Setoguchi as part of a package to Minnesota for all-star defenceman Brent Burns. Last month, the Sharks traded Dany Heatley to the Wild for Martin Havlat. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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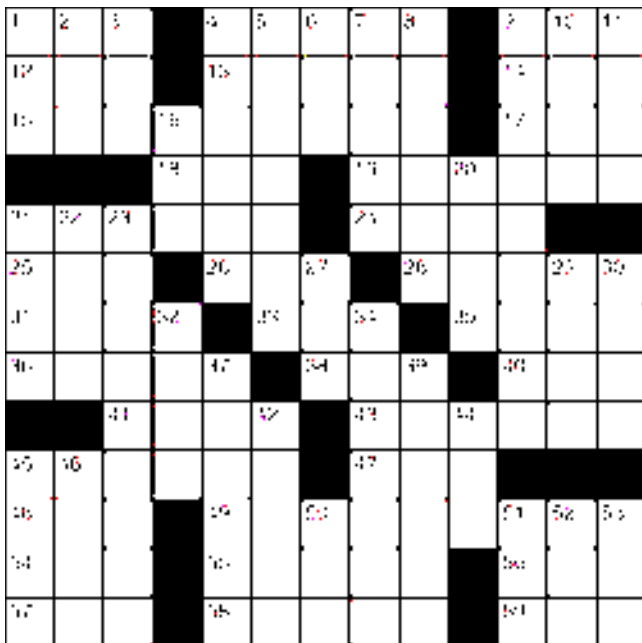
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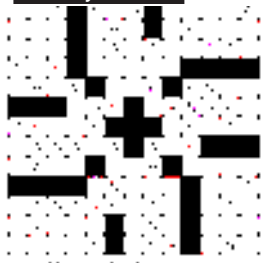
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33 Pooch  
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**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** Try not to get so bogged down in your work that loved ones start to wonder if you no longer want them

around.  
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**♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22** Someone in a position of power, someone whose support you are going to need in the future, can be and should be flattered shamelessly today.  
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